GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Container Clearance
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that container clearance takes 17 days in India while it takes 24 hours in Singapore;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken to reduce the clearance time by removing obstacles in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):No, Madam. Major Ports take much less time in clearance of containers. At V.O. Chidambaranar Port it takes an average of 1 day for export containers and 0.85 day for import containers, while at Visakhapatnam Port the time taken for of imported containers is 2.8 days and at Mormugao Port this time is on an average of 7 days.
(c) Major Ports have taken several steps to expedite clearance of containerised cargo, such as, 24x7 customs clearance at terminals, simplification of customs documentation procedures, converting manual documentation system into online system etc. etc.

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